

Selected Reserve **Chapter 1606** applies to members of the National Guard or Reserve with a six-year period of obligation after October 1, 1990. Guardsmen should contact their Unit of eligibility. The monthly allowance will be:

First 6 months	\$ 271.50
Second 6 months	\$ 199.10
Remainder of Training	\$ 126.70

Participation in specific programs may create eligibility for additional amounts or “kickers.”

Reserve Education Assistance Program **Chapter 1607**:

	90 days- Less than 1 year	1 year +	2 years +
First 6 months	\$ 494.40	\$ 741.60	\$ 988.80
Second 6 months	\$ 362.56	\$ 543.84	\$ 725.12
Remainder of Training	\$ 230.72	\$ 346.08	\$ 461.44

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The Post 9/11 GI Bill **Chapter 33** applies to those who served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001. You will be paid based on total months of active duty and E-5 w/dependents at your employer’s zip code.

	Applicable MHA
First 6 months	100%
Second 6 months	80%
Third 6 months	60%
Fourth 6 months	40%
Fifth 6 months	20%

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## Apprentice & On-the-Job Training and VA Educational Benefits



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## GI Bill Benefits & OJT—Apprenticeship Programs

### Who is eligible?

**Veterans** (1) must be less than 15 years, and in some instances, 10 years from date of discharge from active duty; (2) eligible veterans may use them for On-the-Job Training, if employed and being trained for the job; (3) some exceptions to eligibility period due to medical reasons, delimiting date extension, dependents of veterans.

**National Guard/Reservist** (1) must have a total of 6 years obligation after June 1985; (2) contact local Unit Administrator to determine eligibility; (3) Guard/Reservist needs to be a member in good standing to retain eligibility; (4) Guard/Reservist must use benefits within 14 years of established date of basic eligibility.

**Activated National Guard/Reservist** A member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10 U.S. Code for a contingency operation and who serves at least 90 consecutive days or more is eligible for REAP Chapter 1607. National Guard members also are eligible if their active duty is under section 502(f), title 32 U.S.C. and they serve for 90 consecutive days when authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency and is supported by federal funds.

**Eligible Dependents/Survivors** (1) dependents/survivors of veterans service-connected deceased or rated 100% permanently disabled: (2) spouse generally has 10 years and children 18-26 years old with some exceptions to use benefits.

### What is On-the-Job Training (OJT)?

OJT is training received while actually performing a job and earning wages. **OJT programs must be at least six months up to two years** in length to qualify. Examples of OJT: deputy sheriff, wellness instructor, cook, shop technician, correctional officer, or police officer.

### What is Apprenticeship Training?

Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with supplemental instruction. **Apprenticeships are normally from two to four years in length.** Examples of Apprenticeship: electrician, ironworker, carpenter, plumber, firefighter, or auto mechanic.

For both types of training the eligible persons can receive their GI Benefits in addition to their salary when enrolled in a firm's approved training program. There are time limits involved and approval of a program may be backdated for up to one year for benefit purposes. As a general rule, veterans have 10 to 15 years after their separation from service to use their GI Bill Benefit.

## How to Begin

- (1) If you do not have a job, or are not currently working in the occupation you want, contact a local South Dakota Career Center. The Veteran Representative should be able to find an employer who may offer the kind of training needed to reach your occupational objective.
- (2) Next, **have your employer contact your local Veteran Service Officer or State Approving Agency (605-773-3565) to determine the necessary steps to get the training program approved.** Many, but not all occupations can be approved.

## Approval of a Program

- (1) **must be entry level** of training for a specific job objective;
- (2) Wages are **paid by a set salary-not by commission**, with at least one wage increase within training period;
- (3) trainee **is under direct supervision**;
- (4) must be a **full-time position**
- (5) must be a **permanent position not temporary**

## What is the Amount of Monthly Benefits Check?

Montgomery GI Bill-AD **Chapter 30** applies to those entering active duty after June 30, 1985, and those who contributed to the Montgomery GI Bill-AD.

	Less than 3 years AD	3 years or more AD
First 6 months	\$ 1004.25	\$ 1,236.00
Second 6 months	\$ 736.45	\$ 906.40
Remainder of Training	\$ 468.65	\$ 576.80

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Survivors' and Dependents' **DEA Chapter 35** applies to a child or spouse of a service-connected deceased or 100 percent permanently disabled veteran. The monthly allowance will be:

First 6 months	\$ 732.00
Second 6 months	\$ 549.00
Third 6 months	\$ 362.00
Remainder of Training	\$ 183.00

Participation in specific programs may create eligibility for additional amounts or "kickers."